



Masses For The Week

Saturday Dec 29	5 pm	† Magrit Colonello (Nick Colonello) † John E. Bolen & Gerard T. Bolen (Mary Bolen & Family) † Frederick & Evelyn Haslan & Daughter Karen (Denise & Joanne Haslan)
Sunday Dec 30	8:30 am	"In Onore al Bambino Gesù"
	10 am	† Carmela Santaluca (Santaluce & Forte Families) "All Souls of Purgatory" (Rafaelito & Lynnore Moreno) † Etelvina Costa (The Family)
	11.30 am	PRO POPULO
Monday Dec 31 New Year Eve	5 pm	† Walenty & Jadwiga Gorski (Family Member)
Jan 1 New Year Day	11 am	
Wednesday Jan 2	7 pm	"In Thanksgiving, Marc Celis Birthday" (Shirley Hernando)
Thursday Jan 3	8 am	
Friday Jan 4	8 am	
Saturday Jan 5	5 pm	† Elda & Paul Pateno (The Family) † Pat Chisholm (Joan & Family)
Sunday Jan 6	8:30 am	† Biagio Forte (Civita Forte & Famiglia)
	10 am	† Emiliano Hernandez (Lydia & Family) † Daniel Gouveia (Maria & Family)
	11:30 am	PRO POPULO



New Year's Greetings!

We wish our parishioners best wishes

for a peaceful New Year

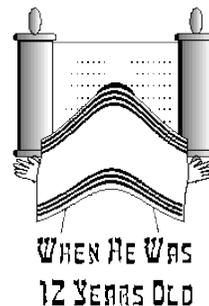
Filled with great hopes!

May the Lord accompany you

always!

Jesus bar Mitzvah?

We know nothing of Jesus' childhood, except for one curious incident when he was twelve years old. Luke describes a visit to Jerusalem "for the feast of Passover". There may be more to the story than is apparent. Jewish boys pass to manhood through a ceremony called "Bar Mitzvah" or "Son of the Commandment". They take on adult responsibilities and can join the men in prayer. Normally this takes place at the age of thirteen, but there are circumstances where it can happen in the twelfth year. If so, this is the oldest reference to the ceremony. Part of the rite involves reading the scriptures and answering questions. We see Jesus being quizzed and asking questions in the Temple, as would befit the ritual. It might be compared to our Sacrament of Confirmation. As a child, Jesus would have traveled with the women on the pilgrimage to the Holy City. After Bar Mitzvah he could join the men. This may explain why neither Mary nor Joseph noticed his disappearance. Each may have thought that he was with the other group. *(Lonsdale Commentaries & Clip-Art)*



A New Beginning

The arrangement of our calendar is so symbolic. We have Thanksgiving. Then Christmas follows with all the promises. Salvation, grace, love, hope, and peace; New Year follows immediately. The possibility of a new beginning, a new start, a new birth; someone wrote words like this many years ago "The New Year lies before us, like a field of freshly fallen snow, be careful where you walk, for every step will show". He said the great thing about the Christmas message was that "no matter what your past has been, you can start over again; God has made it possible in the sending of His Son to save us from our sins." We can thank God for all the blessings that have been ours during the year. In life God loves us and no matter what we've been, we can start over. That's the Christmas message. That's the challenge of a New Year.

New Season - New Prayer Book

The new prayer book "St. Joseph's Sunday Missal" for the 2018/2019 season is now available. The cost of the Sunday Missal is \$5.00. Volunteers of the social committee are happy to help you. Please stop at the back of the church for your personal copy.

New Year's Mass Schedule

Monday December 31st 5:00 pm
(No 8 am Mass)

Tuesday January 1st 2019
(New Year's Day)

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God
Mass @ 11:00 am ONLY

New Year Day is a Holy Day of obligation for all Catholics

Welcome and thank you for visiting our parish

As a Catholic Church and Faith Community, we give thanks to God for the gift of our Faith, for the gift of one another as Brothers and Sisters in Christ. We are all on a great journey, the journey of life itself to our heavenly homeland. If you are living in the area, we hope you will be able to come and join us in gathering as God's family each Sunday to give thanks, praise and worship to God, here is where we come to know one another and put our gifts at the service of God's family, the Church. We hope you will follow the stirrings of your hearts which have led you here.



12 days starting when?

Some people think the Twelve Days of Christmas come to an end on December 25th. Wrong! They officially begin with the first Mass of Christmas and end on the Feast of the Epiphany (Jan 6). Don't take down the tree and the lights just yet. Savor the season.

What to do with religious objects that are no longer usable

If they are blessed by a priest or deacon:

- They are to be burned and the ashes put into earthen soil. If they cannot be burned, they are to be buried.
- If they cannot be buried or burned, they are to be utterly destroyed into pieces. E. G., glass candle containers with sacred images on them should be smashed to pieces, then put into the trash.
- If they are not blessed by a priest or deacon, destroy them into pieces and discard them.
- Whatever you do, do not bring them and leave them in church to make us dispose of them. That is your responsibility to dispose of them.

Serra Vocation

By Baptism we are God's holy family. Pray today for the grace to live faithfully your vocation as a single, married, ordained or consecrated person. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997 Email: vocations@archtoronto.org

Saint Leo's Website

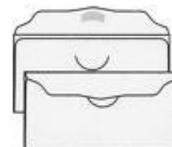
If you use the internet you should find our parish website (saintleosmimico.ca) interesting. If you don't, maybe we are doing something wrong that we need to fix. The website includes information about parish resources, groups, and schedules, but it adds much more. It includes multimedia music, art, movie clips, news, links, and teaching. Check it out, subscribe for emailed updates, and let us know how we can serve you better. www.saintleosmimico.ca

No cell phones during worship

We remind you that Catholics are to turn off their cell phones before entering church for any circumstance, especially for the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. Better yet, do not even bring your cell phones into the church. Should it happen that you forget and your cell phone rings, turn it off immediately. Do not leave mass to respond. An even more egregious behavior and breach of respect and devotion would be to respond in your pew during mass. If a Catholic, for the one hour a week it takes to celebrate the Holy Eucharist and be with God, is more interested in who may be on the other side of the phone, then that person has some spiritual home work to do in order to find out where one's heart is with God. The only possible exceptions I can think of to this rule would be the case of a doctor or a fireperson on call.

Offering Envelopes

Please pick your new 2019 donation envelopes, they are located on the right side of the church entrance and are arranged in numerical order. A master list is available to help you in your search. If you wish to make any changes or correction or need assistance please call the parish office during the week. Unmarked boxes are available for first time users. In the New Year, we ask that you kindly discard any leftover envelopes from this or previous years. Thank you for your support.



January 1st is the Solemnity of The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God and a Holy Day of Obligation. January 1st is also World Day of Prayers for Peace.

Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 am.

Offering of Tabernacle Lamp for the Month of

January is reserved for:

In Loving Memory

"Marco G. Celis"

4th Anniversary Memorial &

Birthday Remembrance

By wife: Shirley Hernando
